

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

AYALNEH DILNESSA,

Plaintiff,

v.

KELLY S. O'BRIEN, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-00271-JDP (PC)

ORDER

THAT THE CLERK OF COURT RANDOMLY ASSIGN A DISTRICT JUDGE TO THIS MATTER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT THIS MATTER BE DISMISSED FOR FAILURE TO PROSECUTE AND TO COMPLY WITH COURT ORDERS

OBJECTIONS DUE WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS

On March 15, 2024, the court granted plaintiff thirty days to file an amended complaint. ECF No. 16. Plaintiff failed to timely file an amended complaint or otherwise to respond to the court order. Therefore, on July 11, 2024, I ordered plaintiff to show cause why this action should not be dismissed for his failure to prosecute and failure to comply with court orders. ECF No. 17. Plaintiff has not responded to the order to show cause, and the time to do so has passed. Accordingly, dismissal of the action is warranted.

The court has the inherent power to control its docket and may, in the exercise of that power, impose sanctions where appropriate, including dismissal. *Bautista v. Los Angeles Cnty.*, 216 F.3d 837, 841 (9th Cir. 2000); *see* Local Rule 110 (“Failure of counsel or of a party to

1 comply with these Rules or with any order of the Court may be grounds for imposition by the
2 Court of any and all sanctions . . . within the inherent power of the Court.”).

3 A court may dismiss an action based on a party’s failure to prosecute an action, failure to
4 obey a court order, or failure to comply with local rules. *See Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53-54
5 (9th Cir. 1995) (dismissal for noncompliance with local rule); *Ferdik v. Bonzelet*, 963 F.2d 1258,
6 1260-61 (9th Cir. 1992) (dismissal for failure to comply with an order to file an amended
7 complaint); *Carey v. King*, 856 F.2d 1439, 1440-41 (9th Cir. 1988) (dismissal for failure to
8 comply with local rule requiring pro se plaintiffs to keep court apprised of address); *Malone v.*
9 *U.S. Postal Serv.*, 833 F.2d 128, 130 (9th Cir. 1987) (dismissal for failure to comply with court
10 order); *Henderson v. Duncan*, 779 F.2d 1421, 1424 (9th Cir. 1986) (dismissal for lack of
11 prosecution and failure to comply with local rules).

12 In recommending that this action be dismissed for failure to comply with court orders, I
13 have considered “(1) the public’s interest in expeditious resolution of litigation; (2) the court’s
14 need to manage its docket; (3) the risk of prejudice to the defendants; (4) the public policy
15 favoring disposition of cases on their merits; and (5) the availability of less drastic alternatives.”
16 *Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1260-61 (citation omitted).

17 Here, plaintiff has failed to respond to two court orders directing him to file an amended
18 complaint. *See* ECF Nos. 16 & 17. Therefore, the public interest in expeditious resolution of
19 litigation, the court’s need to manage its docket, and the risk of prejudice to the defendant all
20 support imposition of the sanction of dismissal. Lastly, my warning to plaintiff that failure to
21 obey court orders will result in dismissal satisfies the “considerations of the alternatives”
22 requirement. *Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1262; *Malone*, 833 at 132-33; *Henderson*, 779 F.2d at 1424.
23 The July 11, 2024 order expressly warned plaintiff that his failure to comply with court orders
24 would result in dismissal. ECF No. 17. Plaintiff had adequate warning that dismissal could result
25 from his noncompliance. Accordingly, I find that the balance of factors weighs in favor of
26 dismissal.

27 Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the Clerk of Court randomly assign a district
28 judge to this matter.

1 Therefore, it is hereby RECOMMENDED that:

- 2 1. This action be dismissed without prejudice for failure to prosecute and failure to
3 comply with court orders for the reasons set forth in the July 11, 2024 order.
4 2. The Clerk of Court be directed to close the case.

5 These findings and recommendations are submitted to the United States District Judge
6 assigned to the case, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Within fourteen days of
7 service of these findings and recommendations, any party may file written objections with the
8 court and serve a copy on all parties. Any such document should be captioned “Objections to
9 Magistrate Judge’s Findings and Recommendations,” and any response shall be served and filed
10 within fourteen days of service of the objections. The parties are advised that failure to file
11 objections within the specified time may waive the right to appeal the District Court’s order. *See*
12 *Turner v. Duncan*, 158 F.3d 449, 455 (9th Cir. 1998); *Martinez v. Ylst*, 951 F.2d 1153 (9th Cir.
13 1991).

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15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

16 Dated: October 8, 2024


17 JEREMY D. PETERSON
18 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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